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Engineer Admits Spying

SAN FRANCISCO—Six months after he was arrested, engineer James D. Harper Jr. admitted in court that he had sold military secrets to the Soviet bloc.

Harper told U.S. District Court Judge Samuel Conti that he wanted to plead guilty. He is to enter his plea to one count of espionage Monday. Harper, who pleaded not guilty in December to a nine-count grand-jury indictment, faces a maximum prison term of 30 years if he pleads guilty to the one count.

Harper is accused of selling the secrets—including details about America's nuclear weapons systems—to Polish spies who passed the information to the Soviet Union.